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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.  
Serial No.: 09/715,714  
Filing Date: 11/17/00  
For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT,  
ANCHOR ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD FOR  
SECURING A GRAFT LIGAMENT IN A  
BONE TUNNEL  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow  
Attorney's Docket No.: INNO-31

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Official Action mailed February 15, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 15, 2002 to May 15, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

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